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**Agenda Item 7**

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***Memorandum***

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

DATE: Feb. 5, 2008

FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

RE: Community Liaison Officer's Report – February 2008

**Update on San Mateo County Shuttle**

MCAC member Bill Allen requested staff research a proposed new shuttle service in San Mateo County. Attached is a copy of the newspaper article he provided on the shuttle service.

This is the second phase of a two-phase shuttle proposed in the city of Redwood City. The first phase – aimed at commuters – has already been launched. This second phase is a proposed mid-day service for the community of Fair Oaks, a primarily low-income community in Redwood City. The shuttle would provide on demand service for the neighborhood residents to get to essential destinations such as doctor's appointments and the grocery store.

Mr. Allen expressed interest in how this shuttle differs from the now-defunct SCOOT shuttle mentioned in the article. The primary difference is in the funding. While the San Carlos SCOOT shuttle was funded solely by the City of San Carlos (and thus went under when the city decided the \$600,000 annual price tag was too high), this Fair Oaks shuttle has several funding sources proposed. The City of Redwood City will vote whether to commit to a portion of the funding at its March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, and, if passed, the project is also in line to receive funding from the Air District (Transportation Fund for Clean Air or TFCA funds) as well as MTC's Lifeline funding. With a variety of stakeholders involved, the sponsors believe the project has a much better chance for success. Also worth noting is the fact that the Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance – a group that successfully runs many shuttle services up and down the Peninsula – will manage this project.

This shuttle is a good example of the type of project that qualifies for MTC Lifeline funding. For your information, a new Call for Projects for funding under the Lifeline Program is expected this summer.

For more information about the shuttle, contact Christine Maley-Grubl at the Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance ([Christine@commute.org](mailto:Christine@commute.org)).

### **National Surface Transportation Commission's Final Report**

Congress formed the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission in 2005 as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The Commission is comprised of 12 members, representing federal, state and local governments; metropolitan planning organizations (including MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger); transportation-related industries; and public interest organizations. The Commission examined the condition and future needs of the nation's surface transportation system, as well as short- and long-term funding alternatives.

Steve Heminger attended the final meeting of the Commission in December 2007, and in January was part of a team that testified before the House and Senate policy committees. Steve's Executive Summary is attached, and the full report can be downloaded from MTC's Web site at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/info/nstprsc.htm>.

### **Meeting Reminders**

- **Transportation 2035 Joint Advisors Workshop**  
Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 2:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Alameda County Conference Center  
Union City Room  
125 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of Oak)  
Oakland, California
- **Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis Subcommittee**  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
MetroCenter Fishbowl Conference Room (Third Floor)
- **Lifeline/EJ Subcommittee**  
Meeting Date to be Determined